

## Evaluation of *Ted Hughes and The White Goddess*.

Tutor - Roger Elkin. Course run at Doncaster RMT Education Centre on Oct 11-13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2013



Course tutor Roger Elkin with Mary Frodsham(right) and Susan Wallace

Each quote followed by semi-colon, from an individual member:

### **The education and learning process**

'...course extremely valuable... one by one, clarities emerged'; '... poetry and discussion ably led..'; '....a new venture for me... inspirational and exciting... I will read poetry in a quite different light in the future...everyone was encouraged to contribute and rise to Roger's enthusiasm'; '...truly inspirational... all the participants contributed. A lovely group!'; 'hugely valuable'; '...difficult work (exploring) ..only a small part (with Hughes and Plath) ...needing time and patience'; 'hugely informative and enjoyable...'; '...enormously stimulating ...well planned...much (generally enlightening) discussion...tutor interventions very well judged..'; '...an opportunity to explore new educational fields...'; 'Fabulous to extend and deepen knowledge of a particular poet...'; (The Tutor)...'knows his subject very well and used his knowledge skillfully ... this led to

thoughtful and sometimes passionate discussions... we came away ...with a greatly enhanced understanding... (but) we tried to "fit in" too many subject areas... which led to some discussions feeling a little truncated'.

### **The venue**

'excellent, the ethos sound, and the value is difficult to over-estimate'; (but) 'having to leave our rooms at 08.00 was .. inconvenient..'; 'Excellent... accommodation/food/staff... problem with walking outside to lecture room...'; 'Excellent facilities for small numbers... good rail route... staff outstanding...'; 'good venue but difficult travelling long distance by car on a Friday!.. staff were brilliant (but) ... 'would have liked a kettle in the room... out of room at 8am is a problem'; 'Loved the staff...accommodation simple and functional'; 'Entirely "at home"... well looked after'; 'Excellent... (but) a little too warm for me everywhere... vacating rooms before breakfast was not good'; 'Splendid food, kind helpful and supportive staff'; 'An extremely valuable residential educational establishment...warm inviting atmosphere...'; 'Food good... (but) 'up/out by 08.00 on last day not good!'; 'Very good for disabled person..'; 'the gravy spoiled the taste of the food'; 'absolutely fine... clean and comfortable (basic) bedrooms... classroom layout not ideal - long table rather than circular arrangement'.

### **The future...**

'Please, Roger, another course...'; 'Free-time on Saturday afternoon... a help to recharge batteries..'; 'More of the same..'; 'More.. please'; 'Would be very happy to attend another... with same tutor'; 'stimulate us further, again...'; 'More!';